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The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of producing hollow bodies (H) of plastic by stretch-blow molding heated parisons (V), where the parisons are inspected and defective parisons are sorted out, the method comprising:

inspecting the parisons (V) before heating the parisons;

heating the parisons (V) which can be transported; and

sorting out at least some defective parisons (V) after heating the parisons.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein sorting out at least some defective parisons after heating the parisons comprises sorting out defective parisons (V) which can be mounted on holding mandrels.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 2, wherein sorting out at least some defective parisons after heating the parisons comprises sorting out defective parisons (V) having a slightly oval mouth.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 2, further comprising sorting out acceptable parisons (V), which are adjacent to a gap created by sorting out a defective parison (V) before being heated, after being heated.

5. (Previously presented) A device for producing hollow bodies (H) from plastic by stretch-blow molding heated parisons (V), the device comprising:

a heating station (2),

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a blow molding station (1) that is situated downstream of the heating station,
an inspection station (3) that is situated upstream of the heating station, and
a first sorting station (4) which is controllable by the inspection station (3), the first
sorting station situated between the heating station (2) and the blow molding station (1) for
sorting out defective parisons (V).

6. (Previously presented) The device according to Claim 5, further comprising a second
sorting station (5) which is also controllable by the inspection station (3), the second sorting
station situated between the inspection station (3) and the heating station (2) for sorting out
defective parisons (V).

7. (Previously presented) The device according to Claim 6, wherein the inspection
station (3) comprises an analyzer device (3) which differentiates between defective parisons (V)
having one of a defect-free or only a slightly oval mouth and defective parisons (V') having one
of a markedly oval or constricted mouth, wherein the analyzer device causes the second sorting
station to sort out the defective parisons (V) having a markedly oval or constricted mouth.

8. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim[.] 5, wherein the inspection
station (3) is situated at an intake star wheel (7) which is situated upstream from the heating
station (2) and wherein the sorting station (4) is situated at a transfer star wheel (8) which is
situated between the heating station (2) and the blow molding station (1).

9. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 8, further comprising further
comprising a second sorting station (5) which is also controllable by the inspection station (3),
the second sorting station situated between the inspection station (3) and the heating station (2)
for sorting out defective parisons (V), and a third sorting station (5) located at the intake star

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wheel (7).

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising sorting out defective parisons (V) which cannot be mounted on holding mandrels before heating the parisons.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein sorting out defective parisons (V) which cannot be mounted on holding mandrels before heating the parisons comprises sorting out defective parisons with a markedly oval or constricted mouth.